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A. H. CLEMENT, Editor.
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Good will, good cheer and happy Xmas to each member of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN family.

Christmas Issue

This is our Christmas issue and the last one for 1927. The force taking a holiday as usual. Our next issue will be Jan. 5th, 1928. The paper will be full of country news 1928 and it should have a place in every Appomattox home.

Another Term

All the ring candidates elected this good year will take office again in January. Appomattox voters endorsed the records of the past and are hopeful for the future. It is our wish that our county government will be the best in the State and every officer will have our sincere efforts in this behalf.

One important thing to be done by our Supervisors is to reduce the taxes. Every fund in the balance sheet shows a substantial surplus. Our lands are assessed for taxation for more than they will bring on the block and the rate is nearly three times higher than that we used to pay. Manufacturers hold on to their prices, while the farmer sells below cost of production.

If farmers are honest to their home they will demand of the board a reduction in the tax rate of Appomattox lands.

The spirit of the Christmas Seal will never die so long as the Christmas Spirit itself lives.

Faithful Representatives

The Clifton Forge Review in discussing the Congressional election of next year, does not take kindly to the effort being made in Mr. Montague's district to displace him. There is no thought of opposition to Mr. Tucker so far as known, and we trust that the people will discountage any efforts put forward by scalphunters in the Democratic party to remove either of these distinguished representatives from Congress. The Review says: "While on this subject we want to say that it will afford us pleasure to again support Congressman Tucker, who also will come before the people next year. Although Mr. Tucker is not as young and as active as Mr. Montague, there is no disputing the fact that he is giving a good account of himself in the halls of legislation. Mr. Tucker stands four square for good government and is a true representative of the people. The fact is the delegation in Congress from Virginia compares favorably with a majority of the States and excel in ability those from many others. To date we have heard of no opposition to Mr. Tucker and to be perfectly frank, we do not believe there is a Democrat in the Tenth district who can defeat him. Our prediction is he will be nominated next year free from a contest. In other words, he will be declared the nominee by the party authorities."

Greetings

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Numbers 6:24, 25, 26.

If you want to make an old Appomattox boy or girl feel good every week next year just order the Xmas sent on. We'll write and tell them Dad sent it.

DIAMETER OF COMET

ONLY 2 OR 3 MILES

Pons Winnecke, Recent Visitor, Not Very Large.

Flagstaff, Ariz.—Despite the excitement it occasioned last summer when it came within 4,000,000 miles of the earth—closer than any previous comet—the Pons Winnecke comet had the distinction of possessing the smallest nucleus that has ever been observed in such a body. Probably it was not more than two or three miles in diameter, Dr. V. M. Slipher, director of the Lowell observatory here, has announced.

Doctor Slipher took advantage of the close visit of Pons Winnecke to approach it carefully with the observatory's big refracting telescope, with a lens two feet in diameter. He had, he says, the best opportunity in years to make a measurement of the size of a comet's nucleus, the center which is supposed to supply the rest of its material. On most occasions, he says, "the nucleus of the comet was found to be perfectly stellar, i. e., very small and sharp." At such times "it was possible to distinguish the nucleus from stars only by its motion."

Compared With Stars. Even through the highest power telescope a star appears as a point of light. First Doctor Slipher compared the cometary nucleus with nearby stars. Then he took stars of similar brightness in another part of the heavens. In the region of the planet Jupiter and compared them with the large moons of that planet. As the size and distance of the Jovian moons are known, it was thus possible to estimate the size of the nucleus. The distance from the earth was also known, and thus it was possible to get a rough approximation of its diameter. This, he found, was not more than two or three miles.

Other studies of the comet were made by Doctor Slipher with the aid of a spectroscopic attachment to the big telescope. In this way, by analyzing its light, he found several very peculiar features. It has been supposed that comets are excited to great activity as they get near the sun, but the studies of Doctor Slipher of Pons Winnecke as well as other comets seem to contradict these views.

Spectrum Is Like Sun's. The spectrum showed very strongly the same dark bands that are revealed in the spectrum of the sun. This shows that the comet's light comes largely of reflected sunlight. Also, in the band of spectrum there appeared nearly of reflected sunlight. In the band of spectrum there appeared nearly of reflected sunlight. In the band of spectrum there appeared nearly of reflected sunlight.

Besides having its activity reduced by approach to the sun, Doctor Slipher believes that it also approaches to the earth may have also reduced the comet's light. In 1910, he said, it was found that the light emissions from Halley's comet were reduced as it approached the earth, and then became more intense as it drew away. Previously it has been supposed that the earth has little influence on the activity of comets coming near it. If this is the case, it would account for the fact that Pons Winnecke, at its close approach to the earth, was much fainter than some astronomers had anticipated.

German Stage Schools

Swamped by Students Berlin.—Theater in Germany is overcrowded, the various actors schools constantly receive more applications, especially from young women, than they can handle. The distressing part about these applications is the opinion of the directors of the schools, is the fact that the stage-actors of today have so little education.

Aside from what they learned in grammar school the applicants seem to know nothing about theater. They do not even bother to read up about the theater. Such a term as the "classic theater" is apparently completely new to them. Most girls seem to think that the mere fact of this enjoying theatrical performances qualifies them for a stage star's career.

Bulldog Places Stones

To Mark Son's Grave Crooksville, Ohio.—Nearly all of Perry county is talking about the remarkable sagacity declared to have been exhibited by Lady, a bulldog owned by Walter Tipton, resident here, during her bereavement after the death of one of her five small puppies.

Then, according to Tipton and others, the number of their property, a state of affairs in marked contrast to that which obtains in almost every country in which statistical surveys have been made. The so-called upper class of the variety shows as navy beans, in each case.

Barred by Beans Tacoma, Wash.—Two navy beans kept Arnold Phelps, nineteen, out of the navy when he took a physical examination and was rejected because his bearing was below par. He went to a local physician, who found a small white bean of the variety known as navy beans, in each case.

Mount Rosaline Reference to which we have seen concerning Mount Rosaline do not state the area at the top of the mountain, but give the height as 5740 feet above sea level and that the perpendicular relief falls rise to a sheer height of nearly 500 feet—the change.

YAKU INDIANS ARE

IN PEACE AT LAST

Kept Northern Mexico in Shambles for Years.

Nogales, Ariz.—Peace hovers over the little kingdom of the Yaku in the republic of Mexico. When some 600 braves walked into Mexican army headquarters, laid down their arms and swore allegiance to the tricolor flag of the southern republic it was the first time in history the Yaku have ever surrendered unconditionally.

Intermittently for a hundred years they have kept northern Mexico in the shambles of uncertainty and harassed the forces of organized government. Only 2,000 Left. The books of war are now being balanced. Today's recalcitrant 2,000, whereas ten years ago they were some 8,000 living in eight villages that constituted their domain. The country itself shows both farming and industry have suffered.

In the past forming or fighting was all one to the Yaku. He would as willingly shoulder a rifle as trundle a tow sack filled with cotton, and he was not more willing to face almost certain death than to yield one iota to the points argued upon between his tribe and the government.

Before, when he laid down his arms to resume farming of the fertile lands along the northern bank of the Yaku River, the shadow of recurring hostilities always hung over him. He would grow just enough crops to keep his body and soul together.

Accept Government's Terms.

But this time the Yaku has stopped fighting apparently without qualifications. He accepted peace on the government's own terms without asking or being granted amnesty. Yaku tribes have their own big chief or president, who in turn has slight advisers called governors. Each village is a voting unit in Yaku affairs. While the anthropologist regards the Yaku as a retarded race, he has, despite his barbaric existence and elemental nature, great sincerity and a fervid faith to those in whom he has confidence.

It was this trait that caused them to respond to the call of Adolfo de Heister when he rose against the government, although they held no serious grievance of their own.

Uncle Sam Lists Names of Game Protectors

Washington.—For the convenience of game authorities, bird protection organizations, and others in procuring information concerning game and game laws, the twenty-eighth annual directory of officials and organizations concerned with the protection of birds and game, compiled by T. H. Bennett, deputy chief United States game warden of the biological survey, has been issued by the department of agriculture as miscellaneous publication No. 643.

Changes in the personnel of official organizations in the following states and provinces were noted: California, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, which for the first time has established a commission to administer game matters in the state; North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island.

Copies of the directory may be obtained, while the supply lasts, by applying to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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CHINESE WAR FORCES

GIGANTIC MIGRATION

Mothers Kill or Desert Babies in Tragic Trek.

Mukden, Manchuria.—The greatest migration in the world today, equal to the great movement of peoples from Europe to the United States, is now taking place in the north, unsettled plains of Manchuria. This year practically a million new settlers will shift from overpopulated and war-ravaged Shantung and Chihli in the "hot west" of north Manchuria.

This migration, and to relate, is being financed largely through the sale of young girls into slavery. Through the ancient gateway in the great wall at Shanhaiwan and through the modern port of Dairen are pouring a great multitude, estimated now at 10,000 a month, amongst whom are few young girls and practically no young men. The girls have been sold and the youths have been grabbed by the press gangs for one or another of the armies in the field.

Very Old and Very Young Trek. Middle-aged fathers and mothers, taking with them old parents and young children, form the vast bulk of the northwest trek, a flight from certain poverty and almost as certain terror into a land where a homestead is to be had for the working of it and a territory that has known no war since the Japanese and the Manchovites grappled a quarter of a century ago.

The governments of the Manchurian provinces are giving a most commendable assistance to the migration. The various railroad lines are assisting in a far-flung way, charging only a nominal amount for transportation to the able immigrant and providing free passage for men and women over fifty years old and to all children under ten years.

The merchant guilds of the various large towns the migrants pass through have provided free soup kitchens, while the various clubs and associations formed amongst the Shantung and Chihli people who have already established themselves help their fellow provincials in numerous ways.

The newcomers, as a rule, head for the territory lying along the undefined border of inner Mongolia, where a strange situation is being brought about by them. In many cases they acquire crop-sharing leases on land owned by the various princes of Mongolia, but while living on Mongolian-owned soil they are under Chinese jurisdiction, and where they settle become Chinese territory.

In some cases barren stretches of Mongolian territory are thus left behind the advancing frontier, leaving isolated bits of Mongolia in China, while other cases a Chinese colony may be formed well within Mongolia, thus establishing bits of isolated Chinese territory within the borders of another state.

Tragedies of Trip.

Quite a number of migrants turn eastward and by the way of Klink turn towards the Korean border and settle in the more fertile valleys of that mountainous country.

This migration of the old and young is, naturally, accompanied by many tragedies. Once the railroad and the free zone is left behind and the old comers begin to perish from the rigors of the trip, the trails of the newcomers being marked by thousands of graves of parents who have given up. Also, with funds pitifully limited and food scanty, many of the migrants die the burden of caring for their children, especially for the babies in arms, too much. Babies are deserted and left behind in the larger towns traversed by the hundreds. Some mothers, rather than face the risk of their babies not being found and cared for, drop their children from the railroad bridges as the trains cross over rivers. One family of six, of disposing of a baby so that it cannot be overlooked, is to wrap the little one in many folds of newspaper or rag and drop it on the station platform as the train pulls out.

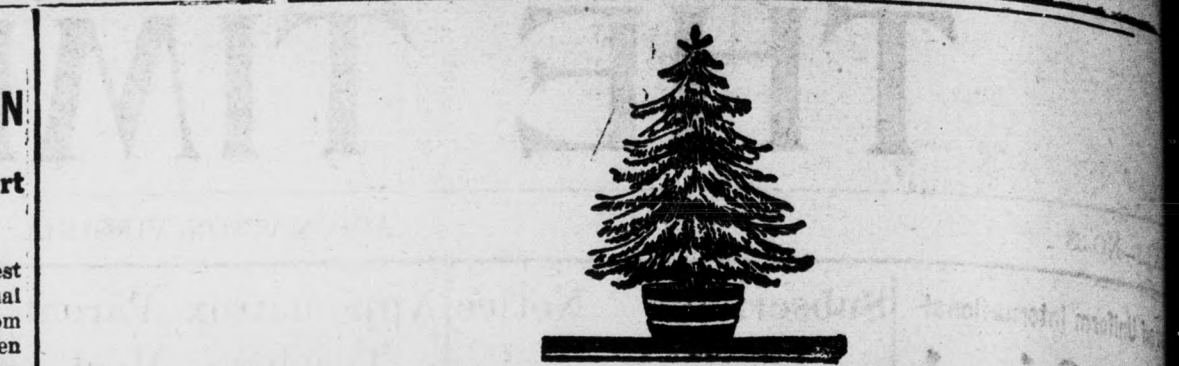
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PERSONAL MENTION

Merry Christmas to one and all with the stocking and enjoy the children.

Havilah Babcock, wife of S. C. C. are here for the holidays.

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Supervisors

H. M. Marshall, R. W. Abbott, W. A. Moses, J. C. Davidson and G. R. Purdum appointed committees to assess damages to property of Emma V. Evans for spur road from highway to Evergreen. The committee meets tomorrow.

Highway department was urged by resolution to begin construction of hard surface road from Farmville to Appomattox on route 10.

Dr. D. N. Tyman reported adversely on the proposed public road from Petty's Fork to Mrs. Lala Howerton.

Board directed process against L. E. Mann to show cause why report of committee should not be adopted for trimming timber along highway through his land.

Request by N. & W. for county to erect guard-rails to approach of all overhead bridges, was denied and railroad permitted to erect same if it chooses to do so.

Supervisor O'Brien complains of heavy trucks breaking through bridges on Pamplin—Hixburg road. He was directed to take steps to remedy the evil.

The board appropriated \$1250 on the salary for next year of County demonstration agent.

Fee of \$250 allowed J. W. Flood in Hannah bridge case.

Detective Metz fee of \$108.48 allowed in Hurt and McCoy cases.

Settlement with treasurer shows a balance unexpended in his hands due the county fund of \$8,039.69.

Notice To All Shareholders

The directors, at regular meeting, December 3rd, declared a 3 per cent semi-annual dividend, payable December 31st. The annual shareholders meeting will be held in the Bank, January 10, 1928, at 12:30 P. M. A. R. HARWOOD, Cashier, Farmers Nat. Bank.

NOTICE

I have secured a decree of court to sell my property of Dr. A. G. Thurman located near Appomattox. Will sell either publicly or privately. Write Mrs. Leslie Thurman, Vinton, Va. 12-15-27.

Keep your Car looking new with Auto Seal Covers. For particulars write representative of DR. SEAR COVER CO., Room 303, Kribb Bldg., Lynchburg, Va.

Will send one of our subscribers mail us the following missing issues of our paper, for our files: Aug. 26th, 1926, and Jan. 20th, 1927.

The open season for partridge and turkey is November 15th to January 31st. Posting signs may be had at this office at 5c each, or your land may be posted in this paper for the season at 50c for each tract.

Two Black Crows

Parts 5&6 COLUMBIA RECORDS for CHRISTMAS

Vocal Selections

126-M Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht O Du Frohliche

50013-D Adeste Fideles John Peel

1128-D It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

50050-D Medley of Christmas Hymns Parts 1 and 2

1125-D Good Christian Men Rejoice Come, Ye Faithful People, Come

782-D The Holy City Silent Night, Holy Night

440-D Oh Come All Ye Faithful Hark the Herald Angels Sing

785-D Little Town of Bethlehem Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

1153-D Jimmy and Mary's Christmas Eve Novelty Parts 1 and 2

1148-D Medley of Christmas Hymns Parts 1 and 2

50049-D Christmas Waits

781-D Adeste Fideles Silent Night, Holy Night

482-D Adeste Fideles Silent Night, Holy Night

ANCIENT SKELETON

FOUND UNDER TREE

Remains of Tainshian to Be Preserved.

Prince Rupert, B. C.—After reporting under ancient shells and refuse and covered by the stump of a huge cedar tree—the stump indicating an age of at least 300 years—the skeleton of one